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FORTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY
TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION DAY

Senate Chamber
Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, February 26, 2026

The Senate met in regular session at 9:07 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Tom Shipley, member of the Senate from Adams County.

The Journal of Wednesday, February 25, 2026, was approved.

The Senate stood at ease at 9:09 a.m. until the fall of the gavel for the purpose of party caucuses.

The Senate resumed session at 9:58 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence were granted as follows:

Senators Bennett and Wahls, until they arrive, on request of Senator Weiner; and Senators Garrett, Lofgren, McClintock, and Rowley, until they arrive, on request of Senator Klimesh.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (Regular Calendar)

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent to take up for consideration Senate Files 274, 2274, 2351, and 2456.

Senate File 274

On motion of Senator Shipley, [Senate File 274](#), a bill for an act relating to forms of payment for entry into an extracurricular interscholastic athletic contest or competition, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Shipley moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 274](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 44:

Alons	Bisignano	Blake	Bousselot
Campbell	Costello	Dawson	Dickey
Donahue	Dotzler	Drey	Driscoll
Evans	Green	Gruenhagen	Guth
Hardman	Klimesh	Knox	Koelker
Kraayenbrink	Petersen	Pike	Quirnbach
Reichman	Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz
Shipley	Sinclair	Sires	Staed
Sweeney	Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott
Warne	Webster	Weiner	Westrich
Whitver	Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach

Nays, none.

Absent, 6:

Bennett	Garrett	Lofgren	McClintock
Rowley	Wahls		

The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

Senate File 2274

On motion of Senator Green, [Senate File 2274](#), a bill for an act relating to the sale or offer for sale of certain firearm devices, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Green moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 2274](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 28:

Alons	Bousselot	Costello	Dawson
Dickey	Driscoll	Evans	Green
Gruenhagen	Guth	Klimesh	Koelker
Kraayenbrink	Pike	Reichman	Rozenboom
Salmon	Schultz	Shipley	Sinclair
Sires	Sweeney	Taylor	Warme
Webster	Westrich	Whitver	Zumbach

Nays, 16:

Bisignano	Blake	Campbell	Donahue
Dotzler	Drey	Hardman	Knox
Petersen	Quirmbach	Staed	Townsend
Trone Garriott	Weiner	Winckler	Zimmer

Absent, 6:

Bennett	Garrett	Lofgren	McClintock
Rowley	Wahls		

The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

[Senate File 2351](#)

On motion of Senator Evans, [Senate File 2351](#), a bill for an act relating to the open enrollment of pupils who are truant or chronically absent, and including applicability provisions, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Evans moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question “Shall the bill pass?” ([S.F. 2351](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 44:

Alons	Bisignano	Blake	Bousselot
Campbell	Costello	Dawson	Dickey
Donahue	Dotzler	Drey	Driscoll
Evans	Green	Gruenhagen	Guth
Hardman	Klimesh	Knox	Koelker
Kraayenbrink	Petersen	Pike	Quirmbach

Reichman	Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz
Shiple	Sinclair	Sires	Staed
Sweeney	Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott
Warne	Webster	Weiner	Westrich
Whitver	Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach

Nays, none.

Absent, 6:

Bennett	Garrett	Lofgren	McClintock
Rowley	Wahls		

The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

Senate File 2456

On motion of Senator Zumbach, [Senate File 2456](#), a bill for an act relating to rounding the amount of cents for cash transactions and payments, was taken up for consideration.

Senator Zumbach moved that the bill be read the last time now and placed upon its passage, which motion prevailed by a voice vote, and the bill was read the last time.

On the question "Shall the bill pass?" ([S.F. 2456](#)), the vote was:

Yeas, 44:

Alons	Bisignano	Blake	Bousselot
Campbell	Costello	Dawson	Dickey
Donahue	Dotzler	Drey	Driscoll
Evans	Green	Gruenhagen	Guth
Hardman	Klimesh	Knox	Koelker
Kraayenbrink	Petersen	Pike	Quirmbach
Reichman	Rozenboom	Salmon	Schultz
Shiple	Sinclair	Sires	Staed
Sweeney	Taylor	Townsend	Trone Garriott
Warne	Webster	Weiner	Westrich
Whitver	Winckler	Zimmer	Zumbach

Nays, none.

Absent, 6:

Bennett	Garrett	Lofgren	McClintock
Rowley	Wahls		

The bill, having received a constitutional majority, was declared to have passed the Senate and the title was agreed to.

IMMEDIATELY MESSAGED

Senator Klimesh asked and received unanimous consent that **Senate Files 274, 2274, 2351, and 2456** be **immediately messaged** to the House.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Zumbach, the Senate adjourned at 10:38 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2026.

APPENDIX

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROPRIATIONS

Convened: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Kraayenbrink, Chair; Zumbach, Vice Chair; Petersen, Ranking Member; Blake, Boussetot, Costello, Dawson, Donahue, Dotzler, Green, Gruenhagen, Guth, Knox, Koelker, Reichman, Shipley, Staed, Warme, Whitver, and Winckler.

Members Absent: Garrett and Rowley (both excused).

Committee Business: [SF 2388](#).

Adjourned: 11:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

[Senate File 2461](#), by committee on Appropriations, a bill for an act establishing continuing appropriations in fiscal years for which annual appropriations have not been enacted.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on Appropriations calendar**.

[Senate File 2462](#), by committee on Health and Human Services, a bill for an act relating to early childhood and family services, including the creation of an early childhood and family services system, state child care assistance for the child care workforce, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

Read first time under Rule 28 and **placed on calendar**.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

[Senate File 2213](#)

WAYS AND MEANS: Boussetot, Chair; Koelker and Quirmbach

[Senate File 2409](#)

WAYS AND MEANS: Schultz, Chair; Dotzler and Reichman

[Senate File 2431](#)

WAYS AND MEANS: Driscoll, Chair; Gruenhagen and Townsend

[Senate File 2441](#)

WAYS AND MEANS: Dawson, Chair; Bisignano and Gruenhagen

[Senate File 2460](#)

WAYS AND MEANS: Driscoll, Chair; Gruenhagen and Winckler

[House File 826](#)

(Reassigned)

JUDICIARY: Shipley, Chair; Bisignano and Westrich

[House File 2246](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Rozenboom, Chair; Schultz and Staed

[House File 2254](#)

WORKFORCE: Dickey, Chair; Donahue and Driscoll

[House File 2294](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Boussetot, Chair; Bisignano and Westrich

[House File 2303](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Reichman, Chair; Green and Townsend

[House File 2325](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Rozenboom, Chair; Bisignano and Schultz

[House File 2490](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Salmon, Chair; Townsend and Webster

[House File 2498](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Salmon, Chair; Blake and Green

[House File 2502](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Rozenboom, Chair; Drey and Schultz

[House File 2509](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Rozenboom, Chair; Drey and Schultz

[House File 2520](#)

STATE GOVERNMENT: Webster, Chair; Guth and Winckler

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS OF BILL ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 2461](#) (formerly [SF 2388](#)), a bill for an act establishing continuing appropriations in fiscal years for which annual appropriations have not been enacted.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 13: Kraayenbrink, Zumbach, Boussetot, Costello, Dawson, Green, Gruenhagen, Guth, Koelker, Reichman, Shipley, Warme, and Whitver. Nays, 7: Petersen, Blake, Donahue, Dotzler, Knox, Staed, and Winckler. Excused, 2: Garrett and Rowley.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill Title: [SENATE FILE 2462 \(SSB 3111\)](#), a bill for an act relating to early childhood and family services, including the creation of an early childhood and family services system, state child care assistance for the child care workforce, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.

Recommendation: APPROVED COMMITTEE BILL.

Final Vote: Yeas, 10: Warme, Costello, Evans, Guth, Lofgren, Pike, Salmon, Sweeney, Webster, and Zumbach. Nays, 7: Trone Garriott, Alons, Donahue, Drey, Hardman, Petersen, and Zimmer. Excused, 1: Rowley.

Fiscal Note: NOT REQUIRED UNDER JOINT RULE 17.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

Effective immediately, Senator Evans is appointed as Chair of the Ethics committee and Senator Shipley will replace Senator Rowley and is Vice Chair.

BILLS ENROLLED, SIGNED, AND SENT TO GOVERNOR

The Secretary of the Senate submitted the following report:

MADAM PRESIDENT: The Secretary of the Senate respectfully reports that the following bill has been enrolled, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and presented to the Governor on the 26th day of February, 2026.

[Senate File 2201](#).

W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

A communication was received announcing that on February 26, 2026, the Governor approved and transmitted to the Secretary of State the following bill:

[Senate File 2201](#) – Relating to school funding by establishing the state percent of growth and the categorical state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2026, modifying provisions relating to property tax replacement payments, transportation equity aid funding, funding for school district budget adjustments, and school district enrollment, establishing an education support personnel salary supplement, making appropriations, and including effective date and applicability provisions.